

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4, 6-13, 17-24, 42-44 and 47-58 were pending. Claim 20 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Therefore, upon entry of this amendment, which is respectfully requested, claims 1-4, 6-13, 17-24, 42-44 and 47-58 will be pending for examination. No new matter is added hereby.

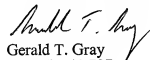
Claims 1-4, 6-13, 17-24, 42-44 and 47-58 have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,955,605. Applicants hereby submit a Terminal Disclaimer, executed by the undersigned, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c), so as to place all claims in this Application in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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